

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-9 have been examined and are all the claims pending in the application.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for various informalities. The informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,803,929 to Hinegardner et al. (hereinafter “Hinegardner”).

Applicants submit that the claims are patentable and respectfully traverse the rejection.

For example, claim 1 recites a basic clipboard executing unit which pastes data stored in a basic clipboard if a paste menu is selected *before* the amount of time counted by a timer is greater than a predetermined amount of time.

Hinegardner is directed to a method, apparatus, and computer program product for moving or copying information in which a user selects a file 140 to be moved or copied and places it in a queue by holding a pointer 160 over the file 140, pressing a button, and holding the button down for *at least* a minimum time interval before releasing the button. To paste the file, the user holds the pointer 160 over a selected destination, presses a button, and holds the button down for *at least* the minimum time interval before releasing the button.

The Examiner contends that Hinegardner’s minimum time interval corresponds to the claimed predetermined amount of time and that the time period during which the user holds down the button corresponds to the claimed amount of time counted by the timer. However,

Hinegardner's selected file is only pasted *after* the time period during which a user holds down the button exceeds the minimum time interval. Thus, Hinegardner does not teach or suggest a basic clipboard executing unit which pastes data stored in a basic clipboard if a paste menu is selected *before* the amount of time counted by a timer is greater than a predetermined amount of time as required by claim 1.

Because Hinegardner does not teach or suggest all of the features of claim 1, Applicants submit that the claim is patentable and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection. Applicants also submit that claims 2 and 3, being dependent on claim 1, are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 recites features analogous to those discussed above in conjunction with claim 1. Thus, Applicants submit that the claim is patentable at least for reasons analogous to those discussed above regarding claim 1. Applicants also submit that claims 6 and 8-9, being dependent on claim 5, are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hinegardner in view of U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0076364 to Martinez et al. (hereinafter "Martinez"). Applicants submit that these claims, being dependent on claims 1 and 5, respectively, are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

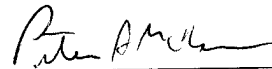
Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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